

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--A tape library apparatus comprising a plurality of FC drives. A host computer and a fiber channel switch portion are connected with an optical fiber cable through respective fiber channel interfaces. ~~Likewise, the~~ The fiber channel switch portion and FC drives are connected with respective optical fiber cables through respective fiber channel interfaces. A controlling portion and the FC drives are connected with respective RS-232C cables. Alias WWNNs and alias WWPNS of the FC drives are assigned by the controlling portion [[20]] through respective RS-232C cables. Data reproduced by the FC drives ~~32 and 33~~ and data supplied thereto are transmitted to and received from ~~to and from~~ the host computer through, for example, respective optical fiber cables.--